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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS VISIT TO GENEVA

REF: GENEVA 8831

1. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS CITED REFTEL, CODEL DIGGS ON NOV. 5 MET WITH DEPUTY UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES MACE AND SELECTED MEMBERS OF UNHCR STAFF TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES, PROBLEMS AND PLANS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NOTABLY IN ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND NAMIBIA.

2. UNHCR SESSION FOLLOWED BY MEETING WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) DELEGATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA MELCHIOR BORSINGER, AND ICRC'S DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS JEAN PIERRE HOCKE. DISCUSSION AGAIN CENTERED ON ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHER AFRICA, INCLUDING ICRC EXPERIENCE IN ANGOLA, ITS INTEREST IN REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA AND ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTHER AFRICA.

3. AFTER MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARD (REF), CODEL WAS BRIEFED BY UNITED NATIONS DISASTER AND RELIEF ORGANIZATION (UNDRO) DEPUTY CHIEF DAVID CARTER ON UNDRO'S PRESENT CAPABILITIES AND FUTURE
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TIONS SOURCE IN WORLD-WIDE DISASTER SITUATIONS.
CODEL EXPRESSED TO MISSION CONTROL OFFICER SATISFACTION
WITH COVERAGE AFFORDED HIM IN THESE THREE BRIEFING
SESSIONS.

4. AT CODEL'S REQUEST, USIS ARRANGED A PRESS CON-
FERENCE FOR HIM THE MORNING OF NOV. 6. ALTHOUGH
SATURDAY IS A DAY OF REST ON WHICH NEWSMEN ARE RELUCTANT
TO TURN OUT, SOME 30 TO 35 ATTENDED, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF
OUT-OF-TOWN CORRESPONDENTS HERE FOR THE RHODESIAN TALKS.
CONTENT OF CODEL'S REMARKS HAS BEEN REPORTED BY SEPTTEL TO THE
DEPARTMENT AND BY USINFO TO USIA.CATTO

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